Express bus service from Quilon to Shencotta.

72. * **Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai** (*Quilon* cum *Kunnathur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any representations were made to authorities to run an express bus service from Quilon to Shencotta?

Mr. E. G. Salter: Yes.

Express service on the Alwaye-Parur road.

74. * **Mr. V. N. Padmanabha Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a State Transport bus stationed at Alwaye for express service exclusively on the Alwaye-Parur Road;

(*b*) whether it is now used only as a feeder to the express service between Alwaye and Kottayam; and

(c) whether in view of the want of an adequate number of private buses running on the Alwaye Parur line, the State Transport bus above referred to cannot be used to have further shuttle service between Alwaye and Parur.

Mr. E. G. Salter: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It is considered that the number of privately owned vehicles operating between Alwaye and Parur is adequate for the traffic demand.

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75. * **Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai** (*Thovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of buses that are allowed to run from Nagercoil to Trivandrum and *vice versa* each day;

(*b*) the number of passengers that they carrry per day;

(*c*) does the Transport Department maintain any register showing the particulars of the breakdowns of buses each day, and if so, particulars of such breakdowns for the last three months;

(*d*) what is the method adopted by the department for giving reliefs to the passengers stranded owing to such breakdowns;

(*e*) where there are any qualified Mechanical Engineers appointed to manage, supervise and control the Workshop Department;

(*f*) whether any periodical checking of the store and stock department is conducted by any competent authority;

(*g*) the number of times during which ordinary buses are used to carry express bus passengers during the last 3 months from Nagercoil to Trivandrum and *vice versa*;

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(*h*) whether they are aware that such practice causes great inconvenience to the travelling public;

(*i*) whether they are aware that the public were put to serious trouble and inconvenience during the recent Visagom festival at Cape Comorin owing to want of proper arrangement in running and regulating sufficient number of buses in the Nagercoil-Cape line.

(*j*) is the system of issuing tickets to through passengers in preference to passengers for short distances being adopted or followed in the department?

(*k*) the number of passengers that may be transported without overloading and the number of passengers that are actually being transported at present for a day in the Transport buses throughout the State;

(*l*) whether they are aware that the practice of issuing number chits before tickets are issued is advantageous and convenient to the travelling public as is being done by private agencies and the department at Quilon; and

(*m*) why the system is not being adopted in other stations of the Department?

Mr. E. G. Salter: (*a*) 20.

(*b*) At an average 4,500.

(*c*) No register is being maintained but daily reports are being received. The average number of break downs per day is four during the period for the entire service.

(*d*) They are conveyed in the buses that follow.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) 3.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) No.

(*j*) No.

(*k*) This depends upon the type of vehicle and the length of journey of individual passengers. The average number of passengers actually carried per day is 25,000.

(*l*) Yes.

(*m*) At Trivandrum a better system is adopted and arrangements are being made to introduce it in other places as well.

Employees in the State Transport Department.

76. * **Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of employees in the State Transport Department (i) whose services are pensionable; and (ii) whose services are non-pensionable;

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